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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1887.

Town Clerk.

STILLMAN J. SPEAR.

Selectmen.

GEO. W. KINGSBURY. GEO. W. BRUCE. EDWIN V. MITCHELL.

Assessors.

WM. F. GUILD. WM. P. HEWINS. JAMES NELSON.

Overseers of the Poor.

GEO. W. KINGSBURY. AMOS E. MASON. EUGENE BONNEY.

Treasurer.

RALPH A. BATTELLE.

Collector.

MOSES H. JOHNSON.

Board of Health.

J. H. RICHARDSON. ARTHUR MITCHELL. JAMES M. HEWINS.

School Committee.

WM. S. TILDEN,	.	.	.	.	Term expires 1889.
HENRY F. SAWYER,	.	.	.	.	" " 1888.
JOSEPH A. ALLEN,	.	.	.	.	" " 1890.

Constables.

GEORGE A. MORSE. HERMON G. CROSBY. BENNETT WILSON.

Fence Viewers.

HINSDALE F. BULLARD. WM. P. HEWINS. E. U. SEWELL.

Trustees of the School Fund.

HAMLET WIGHT. J. H. BAKER. R. A. BATTELLE.

Trustees of the Public Library.

JAMES M. HEWINS,	. . .	Term expires 1890.
J. HERBERT BAKER,	. . .	" " 1890.
WM. S. TILDEN,	. . .	" " 1888.
S. J. SPEAR,	. . .	" " 1888.
J. H. RICHARDSON,	. . .	" " 1888.

Cemetery Committee.

JOHN W. SHUMWAY. JOSEPH CLARK. ALONZO B. PARKER.

Sexton.

ALONZO B. PARKER.

Field Drivers.

GEORGE H. SMITH.	J. HERBERT BAKER.
ROBERT W. BAKER.	HERBERT W. HUTSON.
EDWIN J. KEYOU.	FRED. H. MORSE.
CALVIN FULLER.	JOHN G. HUTSON.
JOSEPH E. ALLEN.	EDWARD P. GILLEY.
JOHN H. SCHOOLS.	GEO. F. MITCHELL.
THOMAS S. MUNRO.	BERNARD CLARK.

Highway Surveyors.

JEREMIAH JOHNSTON.	CHARLES H. RUSSELL.
WM. F. GUILD.	FRANK S. WIGHT.
GEO. W. KINGSBURY.	

Auditor.

J. A. FITTS.

Pound Keeper.

GEO. D. HAMANT.

APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Fire Engineers.

GEO. A. MORSE. BENNETT WILSON. CHAS. W. GILMAN.

Weighers.

THOMAS L. BARNEY. Miss E. G. STEVENS.

Measurer of Wood and Bark and Sealer of Weights and Measures.

THOMAS L. BARNEY.

Board of Registrars.

H. F. BULLARD.	. . .	Term expires 1888.
WM. C. ALLEN,	. . .	" " 1889.
JOHN G. HUTSON,	. . .	" " 1890.
S. J. SPEAR, <i>ex officio</i> .		

Dr.

RALPH A. BATTELLE, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF MEDFIELD.

Cr.

To Cash in Treasury, February 1, 1887,	\$1,197.60	By Cash paid on account of Schools: Teaching, Fuel, Care, Supplies, and Repairs,	\$9,656.18
Cash on Tax for 1886,	85.82	Highways and Bridges,	3,346.48
Cash on Tax for 1887,	14,067.58	Support of Poor,	2,768.50
Interest on Tax of 1887,	18.47	Town House,	353.55
Corporation Tax, 1887,	457.02	Fire Department,	1,016.99
National Bank Tax, 1887,	546.66	Aid to Indigent Soldiers,	225.00
State Aid and Paupers,	140.00	Public Library,	349.99
Income of State School Fund,	162.19	Borrowed Money,	5,350.00
Interest on School Fund,	164.11	Taxes, Interest, and Abatements,	1,758.97
Borrowed Money,	6,350.00	Town Officers,	698.50
Interest on Bank Deposit,	20.58	Sewers and Drains,	280.79
Insurance on Poor House and Furniture,	1,850.00	Miscellaneous,	370.79
Board of J. H. Harding and interest,	89.56		
Millis half cost of Farm Bridge,	122.73		
Dog Licenses,	234.95		
Rent of Town Hall,	249.75		
Rent of Stores,	464.03		
On account of Sewer,	400.52		
Oversers' Sales at Town Farm,	1,057.23		
Licenses, Pedler and Billiard Table,	8.00		
Miscellaneous,	13.28		
	<u>\$27,700.08</u>	Balance in Treasury, February 1, 1888,	<u>\$26,155.74</u>
			<u>1,544.34</u>

MEDFIELD, February 1, 1888.

R. A. BATTELLE, *Treasurer*.
Examined and found correct. J. A. FITTS, *Auditor*.

\$27,700.08

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE Selectmen of Medfield respectfully present the Annual Report of the finances of the town for the year ending Jan. 31, 1888:—

APPROPRIATIONS RAISED BY TAX.

For Teaching Schools,	\$2,400.00
Highways,	1,800.00
Bridges,	300.00
Poor out of the Almshouse,	1,000.00
Poor at the Almshouse,	600.00
Library,	100.00
General Expenses,	1,000.00
Repairs on School-houses,	200.00
Fire Department,	600.00
Town Officers,	650.00
School Books,	300.00
Fuel, Care, and Supplies of the Schools,	1,000.00
Town Debt,	500.00
Remodelling Centre School-house,	3,000.00
	<u>\$13,450.00</u>

PAYMENTS BY THE TREASURER.

TEACHING SCHOOL.

Paid Mr. E. E. Grover,	\$899.98
Mrs. M. B. A. Dunn,	403.00
Miss Lizzie D. Richards,	375.00
Miss A. M. Dorr,	389.50
Miss L. R. Rockwood,	276.00
Miss G. E. Rand,	191.00
Miss Carrie L. Wight,	74.40
Mrs. S. M. Chase,	389.64
Town of Norfolk, Schooling the Hagerty Children,	20.88
	<u>\$3,019.40</u>

FUEL, CARE, AND SUPPLIES.

Paid Charles Fisher, cutting up wood for N. School,	\$6.25
Ellen Clifford, dispensing books,	20.00
Richard C. Lincoln, care of N. School-house, .	17.25
Geo. L. L. Allen, cutting and packing wood, N. School-house,	4.20
Gould & Co., coal for C. School-house, . .	7.28
Hamlet Wight, wood for N. School-house, .	32.50
F. H. Phelps, care of S. School-house, . .	26.55
T. L. Barney, rent for school-room, . . .	100.00
M. H. Johnson, care of C. School-house, . .	120.50
J. B. Hale, supplies for all the Schools, . .	36.36
S. J. Spear, printing programmes for exhibition,	5.75
W. R. Smith, use of piano for exhibition, . .	5.00
Clarke & Carruth, diplomas,	18.50
G. D. Hamant, wood for S. School-house, . .	25.00
G. D. Hamant, filling up old well,	1.00
M. H. Johnson, cash paid for cleaning C. School- house,	16.33
E. M. Bent, coal for C. School-house, . .	126.37
E. M. Bent, wood for C. School-house, . .	5.25
Irving How, care of N. School-house, . .	9.00
James Ord, supplies,	73.85
Willie Sherman, cutting wood, N. School-house,	1.00
John Kingsbury, care of C. School-house, .	48.00
E. E. Grover, supplies,	1.75
H. M. Parker, express,	13.10
T. L. Barney, supplies,	5.36
	<u>\$726.15</u>

SCHOOL-BOOKS.

Paid Adams & Ingraham,	\$86.96
Geo. S. Perry,	48.99
Interstate Publishing Co.,	14.67
J. B. Hale,	91.10
Lee & Shepard,	3.50
	<u>\$245.22</u>

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Paid N. F. Harding, stock and labor, C. School-house,	\$3.55
L. Babcock & Son, stock and labor, N. School-house,	29.48
L. H. Turner, repairs on furnace,	2.50
N. F. Harding, stock and labor, N. School-house,	26.73
C. F. Bruce, stock and labor, N. School-house,	7.00
C. F. Bruce, stock and labor, C. School-house,	1.50
	<u>\$70.76</u>

Remodelling the Centre School-house, expended by the Building Committee:—

Paid Old Colony R.R., freight on bricks,	\$9.60
Wm. C. Fuller, moving house,	137.50
John Noonan, labor,	7.65
H. W. Austin, mechanics' permits,	5.00
C. T. Frost, cash paid for labor,	143.12
N. F. Harding, on contract,	2,737.30
E. V. Mitchell, cash paid for brick,	68.00
H. G. Crosby, labor with team,	68.42
C. F. Bruce,	374.24
James B. Bussey, stone,	9.00
A. A. Sanborn, steam-heating,	785.00
C. T. Frost, grading grounds,	21.00
C. C. Frost, cutting underpinning,	12.00
John Clark, brick,	38.68
Wm. Ryan, sharpening picks and drills,	3.89
	<u>\$4,420.40</u>

Ordered by School Committee:—

Paid Carroll W. Clark, black-boards,	\$73.50
N. F. Harding, stock and labor,	382.90
A. G. Whitcomb, desks,	357.70
J. L. Hammett, gongs,	12.00
N. F. Harding, blinds and fixtures, and labor,	126.60
L. Babcock & Son, stock and labor,	14.90
	<u>\$967.60</u>

Balance to credit of schools, Feb. 1, 1887,	\$681.75
Appropriation by the Town,	2,400.00
Income from State School Fund,	162.19
Income from Town School Fund,	164.11
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Expended for teaching,	\$3,408.05
	3,019.40
Balance to credit of schools, Feb. 1, 1888,	<hr/> \$388.65 <hr/>

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

Paid Geo. W. Kingsbury,	\$300.00
Jeremiah Johnston,	249.35
Wm. F. Guild,	302.47
C. H. Russell, West Centre District,	305.00
C. H. Russell, North-west District,	300 00
F. S. Wight,	304.77
	<hr/> \$1,761.59 <hr/>

CLEARING ROADS OF SNOW.

Paid Jeremiah Johnston,	\$7.50
F. S. Wight,	8.35
G. W. Kingsbury,	4.20
Conrad Weiker,	10.50
Wm. F. Guild,	25.65
	<hr/> \$56.20 <hr/>

DWIGHT'S CAUSEWAY.

Paid Johnston & Crosby, on contract,	\$350.00
H. G. Crosby, extra work,	106.37
Jos. Clark, gravel,	3.85
Jeremiah Johnston, extra work,	13.60
	<hr/> \$473.82 <hr/>

SOUTH STREET JOB.

Paid Jeremiah Johnston,	\$180.72
H. G. Crosby,	203.84
A. B. Parker,	34.12
Chas. Turner,	4.90
J. H. Brigham,	9.54
Michael Callahan,	21.70
R. A. Battelle, 662 loads of gravel,	33.10
	<u>\$487.92</u>

BRIDGES.

Paid R. E. Sherman, use of derrick,	\$3.50
Jeremiah Johnston, culvert on Main Street,	45.06
J. H. Baker & Co., iron work,	1.55
N. Y. & N. E. R.R., freight on lumber,	16.25
Geo. Mecquesten & Co., timber,	129.64
L. C. Bullard, labor,	17.88
J. H. Schelensmeyer, labor,	17.88
L. Babcock & Son, painting railing,	22.49
Union Lumber Co., plank,	108.32
John Noonan, labor on So. Street Culvert,	10.00
Thomas Rourke, labor on So. Street Culvert,	7.00
J. A. Quincy, labor on So. Street Culvert,	5.25
W. E. Kingsbury, labor on So. Street Culvert,	7.00
G. W. Kingsbury, labor on different bridges,	28.06
	<u>\$419.88</u>

TOWN HOUSE.

Paid N. F. Harding, repairs,	\$3.13
Gould & Co., coal,	48.18
E. P. Gilley, care of Town Hall, etc.,	150.00
C. F. Bruce, repairs on chimneys,	7.99
Jeremiah Johnston, cleaning vaults,	10.00
Mrs. F. H. Phelps, cleaning entry, . . . . .	.75
Wm. Ryan, iron work, . . . . .	.95
J. A. Fitts, oil and supplies,	25.54
L. H. Turner, grate, and labor on furnace,	13.50
L. Babcock & Son, stock and labor,	70.43
W. W. Preston, repairing stove and grate,	2.85
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$333.32</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$333.32
Paid James Ord, supplies,		1.71
E. M. Bent, wood,		3.00
E. P. Gilley, shavings and postage,		1.10
Mrs. G. M. Gilmore, cleaning hall,		8.17
Geo. Babcock, assisting cleaning,		6.75
		<u>\$354.05</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid J. H. Baker & Co., wheel for Hook and Ladder truck,	\$8.00
W. S. Bingham, for Hook and Ladder men,	153 50
F. B. Danforth, for engine-men,	214.50
E. Chamberlain, for engineers,	36.00
G. Heath, watching fire,	1.50
J. H. Baker & Co., repairs on engine,	1.70
W. N. Grace, care of Hook and Ladder truck,	10.00
Alfred Blake, care of engine,	11.50
Alfred Blake, watching fire,	1.50
H. G. Crosby, use of team at fires,	40.00
J. H. Baker & Co., repairs on hose carriage,	5.18
Boston Woven Hose Co., 750 feet of hose,	450.00
Boston Woven Hose Co., repairing old hose,	15.00
Wm. Ryan, repairs,	.71
J. A. Fitts, supplies,	8.95
H. J. Dunn, 12 chairs,	4.80
H. S. Jackson, brakes for engine,	16.00
G. M. Hanks, alcohol and glycerine, 2 years,	9.00
H. G. Crosby, extra men at Almshouse fire,	12.00
E. M. Bent, coal,	3.25
J. H. Baker & Co., chains and straps,	4.05
E. M. Bent, wood,	4.75
T. L. Barney, supplies	1.10
N. F. Harding, repairs,	1.00
H. M. Parker's Express,	6.00
Edwin H. Abell, watching fire,	2.00
Ed. McLaughlin, watching fire,	2.00
G. H. Turner, watching fire,	2.00
	<u>\$1,025.99</u>

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Geo. H. Ellis, printing 500 Town Reports, . . .	\$35.50
Law and Order League spotters, . . .	47.52
F. K. Bonney, 500 stamped envelopes for Treasurer, . . .	10.80
S. J. Spear, copy of Dedham records, . . .	2.35
S. J. Spear, copy of intentions of marriage, . . .	2.90
Joseph Clark, Quartermaster, Post 117, G.A.R. . . .	50.00
S. J. Spear, printing, . . .	11.50
Wm. F. Abell, care of town clock to Feb. 1, 1888, . . .	25.00
Wm. Ryan, repairing scraper and sharpening picks, . . .	6.10
Union Lumber Co., fence boards, . . .	60.06
J. B. Hale, insurance on school-house, . . .	123.75
John Noonan, repairing catch basin on N Street, . . .	1.50
Wm. F. Guild, tax book, . . .	1.00
C. F. Bruce, putting in drain on Cottage Street, . . .	140.00
A. D. Kingsbury, putting up railing, . . .	7.00
Mrs. Alice Austin, insurance on Centre School-house, . . .	56.25
C. T. Frost, laying drain on N Street, . . .	25.00
J. H. Baker & Co., stakes for Engineer Brooks, . . .	0.60
H. G. Crosby, putting up 41 tramps, . . .	20.50
J. A. Quincy, setting posts, . . .	7.87
A. E. Mason, posts and sleepers, . . .	23.45
W. E. Kingsbury, putting up railings, . . .	4.10
G. W. Kingsbury, putting up railings, . . .	11.87
Hamlet Wight, chestnut posts, . . .	14.65
John McGrory, setting bound posts, . . .	2.25
A. B. Parker, returning 20 deaths, . . .	5.00
T. L. Barney, stationery, . . .	0.80
L. Babcock, painting guide-boards, . . .	3.50
N. F. Harding, guide-boards and repairing pump platform, etc., . . .	7.95
John W. Shumway, care of Derby and Smith lots in cemetery, . . .	8.00
S. J. Spear, recording births, marriages, and deaths, . . .	16.95
S. J. Spear, two trips to Dover, . . .	4.00
<i>Amount carried forward, . . .</i>	<u>\$737.72</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$737.72
Paid S. J. Spear, postage,	.75
James Ord, drain-pipe,	62.21
G. P. Morey, covering stone,	3.50
Geo. H. Ellis, order book,	5.00
G. W. Kingsbury, postage,	1.00
H. M. Parker, sundries and express,	19.95
G. W. Bruce, postage,	.71
J. B. Hale, insurance on furniture at Almshouse,	3.00
Thos. Rourke, setting posts and putting up rail- ing,	23.87
	<u>\$857.71</u>

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Hinsdale F. Bullard, services as Registrar,	\$6.00
Wm. C. Allen, services as Registrar,	6.00
J. G. Hutson, services as Registrar,	6.00
S. J. Spear, services as Registrar,	6.00
Ellen Clifford, services as School Committee,	80.00
T. L. Barney, services as Auditor, 1886,	5.00
Wm. S. Tilden, services as School Committee,	25.00
Wm. F. Guild, services as Assessor,	35.00
Wm. P. Hewins, services as Assessor,	30.00
James Nelson,	30.00
Geo. W. Kingsbury, services as Selectman,	70.00
Geo. W. Kingsbury, services as Overseer,	30.00
Geo. W. Bruce, services as Selectman,	50.00
E. V. Mitchell, services as Selectman,	60.00
A. E. Mason, services as Overseer,	25.00
Eugene Bonney, services as Overseer,	25.00
R. A. Battelle, services as Treasurer,	60.00
S. J. Spear, services as Town Clerk,	40.00
M. H. Johnson, services as Collector of Taxes,	102.00
H. G. Crosby, services as Constable,	7.50
	<u>\$698.50</u>

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	\$6.50
J. H. Richardson,	9.00
De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	187.96
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$203.46</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$203.46
Paid E. E. Grover, books,	15.63
Elliot & Beesly, books,	3.25
Lucretia M. Johnson, services as Librarian,	85.00
S. J. Spear, printing,	35.25
Mrs. F. H. Phelps, cleaning library,	4.00
H. M. Parker's Express,	1.45
C. H. Russell's Express,	1.90
	<u>\$349.94</u>
Appropriation by the town,	\$100.00
Dog Tax,	234.95
Income of Cummings Legacy, 2 years,	100.00
	<u>\$434.95</u>
Due Library,	\$84.96

SEWER.

Paid N. F. Harding, repairing basin cover,	\$2.82
L. C. Bullard, labor on basin platform,	8.25
J. H. Schelensmeyer, labor on basin platform,	8.25
E. V. Mitchell, cash paid for labor,	5.25
Wm. F. Guild, chestnut plank,	3.80
Thos. Rourke, labor,	1.75
Charles Bruce, stock and labor,	8.00
A. D. Kingsbury, labor,	1.75
G. W. Kingsbury, labor with team,	8.22
C. T. Frost, laying pipe man-hole, and on N. Street,	70.00
	<u>\$118.09</u>

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

At the Almshouse,	\$1,873.00
Out of the Almshouse,	895.50
	<u>\$2,768.50</u>

AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Paid E. G. Babcock,	\$144.00
Watson Cooper,	81.00
	<u>\$225.00</u>

BORROWED MONEY.

Paid E. V. Mitchell,	\$4,000.00
Searle, Dailey & Co.,	1,000.00
J. R. Smith,	350.00
	<u>\$5,350.00</u>

INTEREST.

Paid interest on money borrowed,	\$77.47
Trustees of School Fund,	274.11
	<u>\$351.58</u>

TAXES.

Paid State Treasurer overpaid Corporation Tax, .	\$3.30
State Tax,	1,395.00
Millis Tax,	6.33
Walpole Tax,	1.59
	<u>\$1,406.22</u>

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid A. K. Bryant,	\$1.17
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RECAPITULATION.

Paid for teaching schools,	\$3,019.40
Fuel, care, and supplies,	726.15
School books,	245.22
Repairs on school-houses,	70.76
Remodelling Centre School-house,	5,388.00
Highways,	1,761.59
Clearing roads of snow,	56.20
Dwight's Causeway,	473.82
South Street,	487.92
Bridges,	419.88
Town House,	354.05
Fire department,	1,025.99
Town officers,	698.50
Incidentals,	857.71
Public Library,	349.99
Sewer,	118.09
Support of the poor at Almshouse,	1,873.00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$17,926.27</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$17,926.27
Paid Support of the poor out of the Almshouse,	895.50
Aid to soldiers,	225.00
Borrowed money,	5,350.00
Interest on same,	77.47
Trustees of School Fund,	274.11
Taxes,	1,406.22
Abatement of taxes,	1.17
	<u>\$26,155.74</u>

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1, 1888,	\$1,544.34
Due on taxes for 1887,	408.49
Military Aid to Jan. 1, 1888,	112.50
	<u>\$2,065.33</u>

LIABILITIES.

Note due Trustees of School Fund,	\$2,485.20
Geo. Cummings legacy for public library,	1,000.00
Geo. M. Smith's legacy for care of lot in cemetery,	100.00
M. T. Derby's legacy for care of lot in cemetery,	100.00
Note of Hamlet Wight,	3,500.00
Due schools for teaching,	388.65
Due Public Library,	84.96
	<u>\$7,658.81</u>

Liabilities exceed resources, \$5,593.48

New guide-boards have been put up, or old ones repaired, where necessary to maintain them.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. KINGSBURY, } *Selectmen*
 GEORGE W. BRUCE, } *of*
 E. V. MITCHELL, } *Medfield.*

J. A. FITTS,

Auditor.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor present the following report of this department:—

Amount of the appraisal Feb. 1, 1888, . . . \$2,052.50

CASH PAYMENTS BY THE TREASURER.

Paid I. L. Lawrence, salary in full to April 1, 1887, .	\$91.67
W. E. Kingsbury, grinding grain, . . .	16.99
J. H. Baker & Co., repairing sled and pung, fil- ing saws,	6.85
William Ryan, shoeing and blacksmithing, etc.,	52.58
Gould & Co., flour, grain, and coal, . . .	226.59
A. A. Kingsbury, wheelbarrow and harness closet,	9.00
A. B. Parker, funeral expenses of Arthur Bailey,	27.00
A. B. Parker, horse collar,	3.50
E. F. Wyer, harness,	17.00
Thomas Rourke, cutting ten cords of wood, .	12.50
Charles Bruce, meat,	37.46
I. L. Lawrence, salary to Feb. 1, 1888, . .	458.33
J. H. Baker, repairing harness,	3.30
J. M. Johnson, bread and crackers,	15.53
Overseers, seed potatoes and grass seed, . .	8.22
L. C. Bullard, patching barn, etc.,	1.37
J. H. Schelensmeyer, patching barn, etc., . .	1.37
I. L. Lawrence, cash paid for hanging paper, etc.,	6.56
I. L. Lawrence, cash paid for ladders, . . .	7.75
Dr. Gilfeather, medical attendance on Mrs. Childs,	3.50
A. B. Parker, funeral expenses of Mrs. Childs,	28.37
J. A. Tucker, superphosphate,	26.60
J. A. Fitts, goods furnished,	105.30
N. F. Harding, stock and labor,	36.43
L. H. Turner, repairs on pump,	2.25
L. Babcock & Son, paint,	3.29
C. F. Bruce, whitewashing,	5.00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$1,214.31</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,214.31
Paid William F. Harding, fish,	12.62
W. W. Preston, repairs on pump,	1.00
Bonney Brothers, four pigs,	18.00
Bonney Brothers, cleaning up cranberries,	4.40
G. M. Hanks, medicine,	1.70
James Ord, supplies,	9.63
T. L. Smith, boarding I. L. Lawrence and family,	75.00
E. Bullard, meat,	66.03
A. A. Kingsbury, repair on carriage house,	3.50
G. W. Kingsbury, butchering hogs,	3.00
H. W. Wight, cutting ice,	10.00
I. L. Lawrence, cash paid picking cranberries,	4.25
C. H. Russell, sledding ice,	8.00
J. W. Conger, goods furnished,	13.61
T. L. Barney, " "	106.32
R. M. J. Grant, " "	15.24
E. E. Newell, meat,	53.70
N. F. Harding, repairs,	2.14
James Ord, furniture,	215.49
G. W. Kingsbury, cash paid for putting in ice,	10.00
A. B. Tisdale, butter and cheese,	25.06
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	\$1,873.00
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CASH RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER.

From Overseers, for milk,	\$770.03
" " calves,	9.75
" " hogs,	75.46
" " eggs,	7.61
" " turnips and cabbages,	10.80
" " meadow hay,	9.00
" " cider apples,	2.03
" " cranberries,	116.70
" " beans,	6.67
" " beef (cow),	42.00
" " rye,	4.53
" " tomatoes,	.65
" " use of horse,	2.00
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	\$1,057.23
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Total payments by Treasurer,	\$1,873.00
Total receipts by Treasurer,	\$1,057.23
Providing for 100 tramps, at 25 cents each, . . .	25.00
	<u>\$1,082.23</u>

Number of paupers in Almshouse,	2
Average number,	3

Paupers in Almshouse :—

Silas Allen, 93 years. Herbert A. Kingsbury, 44 years.
 James F. Cary, discharged April 12, 1887.
 Mrs. Emily Childs, died July 26, 1887.
 Arthur Bailey, died March 10, 1887.

Poor out of the Almshouse :—

Paid City of Boston, for aid furnished Wm. Adams,	\$15.00
Dr. A. J. Runnells, medical attendance on C. A. Kingsbury,	4.00
Aid furnished Mrs. H. R. Hunt,	10.00
Aid furnished James F. Cary,	4.00
C. A. Kingsbury, for board of H. A. Kingsbury,	9.00
Jonathan Higgins, for board of Silas Allen, .	46.00
Edward Newcomb, for board of H. A. Kings- bury,	20.00
Aid furnished Mrs. Lucy Small, of Brewster, .	22.00
Taunton Hospital, board of Mrs. M. A. Ricker,	124.29
Taunton Hospital, board of S. L. Wood, .	189.12
Taunton Hospital, board of Chas. W. Bullard, .	186.73
Taunton Hospital, board of John E. Bullard, .	85.92
Worcester Hospital, board of Susan M. Bullard,	179.44
	<u>\$895.50</u>
Received from the Town of Brewster, for aid fur- nished Mrs. Lucy Small,	22.00
	<u>\$873.50</u>

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. KINGSBURY, } *Overseers*
 AMOS E. MASON, } *of*
 EUGENE BONNEY, } *the Poor.*

J. A. FITTS,
Auditor.

REPORT OF ENGINEERS.

During the year ending Feb. 1, 1888, there were three alarms of fire.

May 1, 1887, was caused by fire in Central House, owned by Lydia J. Perrigo, and occupied by M. G. Barr as a hotel. This fire probably originated from a kerosene lamp, which the occupant of the room had left burning while absent.

May 14, 1887, was caused by fire upon woodland near the residence of Lucy and Mary Morse, and was extinguished before any damage had been done.

Nov. 12, 1887, was caused by the burning of the Almshouse, which was a total loss, and originated from defect in chimney.

The Engine Company has forty-four men, including officers.

The Hook and Ladder Company has twenty men, including officers.

During the year new hose has been purchased to replace that which had become worthless, and such other repairs made as the good of the service seemed to demand.

GEORGE A. MORSE,	}	<i>Board</i>
BENNETT WILSON,		<i>of</i>
W. C. GILMAN,		<i>Engineers.</i>

REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

BIRTHS IN MEDFIELD DURING THE YEAR 1887.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
Feb. 1.	Ernest Albion Adams.	Lewis L. and Leonora B. Adams.
Mar. 16.	Mabel Abigail Higgins.	Jonathan and Mary E. Higgins.
Mar. 18.	Nathaniel Dana Allen.	Joseph E. and Charlotte B. Allen.
Mar. 25.	Granville Curtis Mitchell.	Edwin V. and Blanche E. Mitchell.
Apr. 22.	Arthur Chickering Mann.	William H. and Cassandra Mann.
May 6.	Florence Esther Fairbanks Cole.	Richard E. and Abbie Cole.
May 8.	Mattie J. Richardson.	Almon and Cora B. Richardson.
June 25.	Leola Sawyer.	Henry F. and Rose E. Sawyer.
July 3.	Harry Theodore Schools.	George W. and Lizzie Schools.
July 10.	Walter Churchill Smith.	Walter L. and Carrie M. Smith.
July 13.	Mary Lynch.	Daniel and Mary Lynch.
Aug. 27.	Inez S. Heath.	George E. and S. Ella Heath.
Sept. 6.	Arthur French Kingsbury.	Warren E. and Mary E. Kingsbury.
Oct. 10.	Ida Louise Munro.	Thomas S. and Edith S. Munro.
Oct. 13.	Bernice Baker.	J. Herbert and Harriet J. Baker.
Oct. 14.	Alice Bacon Plympton.	George L. and Ellen M. Plympton.
Oct. 16.	Jennie Lois Taber.	Frank H. and Clara E. Taber.
Nov. 4.	Mabel Jean Mollison.	Alexander and Jennie Mollison.
Nov. 8.	George Frederick Mitchell.	G. Frederick and Rosalie E. Mitchell.
Dec. 5.	James Bernard Clark.	Bernard and Ellen Clark.
Dec. 12.	Florence May Clair.	Charles and Elizabeth Clair.
Dec. 27.	Not named.	M. Howard and Anna L. Blood.

Total number of births, 22. Males, 10. Females, 12.

MARRIAGES IN MEDFIELD DURING THE YEAR 1887.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.	WHERE AND BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 16.	Henry G. Wight, Cecelia M. Hodge,	{ Medfield, } { Sherborn, }	In Sherborn, by Rev. Edmund Dowse.
Feb. 19.	Thomas S. Munro, Edith S. Crane,	{ Medfield, } { Medfield, }	In Medfield, by Rev. Wilbur Johnson.
Mar. 12.	Horace G. Bussey, Henrietta L. Clapp,	{ Medfield, } { Hyde Park, }	In Hyde Park, by Rev. Perley B. Davis.
May 6.	Granville A. O. Talbot, Ellen N. Burrows,	{ Medfield, } { Springhill Mines, }	[N.S., } In Medfield, by Rev. Wilbur Johnson.
May 10.	Harry C. Aiken, Florence E. Howe,	{ Medfield, } { Medfield, }	In Medfield, by Rev. Wilbur Johnson.
June 7.	Harvey L. Sawyer, Myrtie M. Walton,	{ Medfield, } { Medfield, }	In Dedham, by Rev. S. C. Beach.
June 25.	Raymond Weiker, Annie Greer,	{ Medfield, } { Medfield, }	In Medfield, by Rev. J. J. Twiss.
Aug. 23.	E. Emmons Grover, Nellie A. Richards,	{ Medfield, } { Medfield, }	In Fall River, by Rev. E. A. Buck.
Sept. 9.	Wilbert H. Clark, Abbie M. Perrigo,	{ Medfield, } { Medfield, }	In Boston, by Rev. W. S. McKenzie.
Sept. 24.	William W. Preston, Susan C. Brigham,	{ Medfield, } { Westborough, }	In West Medway, by Rev. A. H. Fuller.
Oct. 13.	Charles W. Wight, Sarah E. Kingsbury,	{ West Dedham, } { Medfield, }	In Medfield, by Rev. E. S. Gardiner.
Oct. 16.	Herbert Warren Hutson, Sybil A. Daniels,	{ Medfield, } { Medfield, }	In Sherborn, by Rev. Edmund Dowse.
Dec. 14.	Harry S. Mason, Cora F. Rockwood,	{ Medfield, } { Norfolk, }	In Norfolk, by Rev. E. J. Moore.

Total number of marriages, 13. Married in town, 5. Married out of town, 8.

DEATHS IN MEDFIELD DURING THE YEAR 1887.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days.</i>	
Jan. 11.	Jane Johnston.	50	7		Cancer.
Mar. 5.	Elijah Thayer.	84	3	23	Apoplexy.
Mar. 10.	Arthur F. Bailey.	32	5	14	General Debility.
Mar. 10.	Abigail Cummings.	81	8	16	Pneumonia.
Mar. 14.	Sarah F. Ellis.	56	1	16	Railroad Accident.
April 18.	Bridget Tobin.	65			Bronchitis.
April 24.	Mary J. Hale.	54	3	26	Hæmoptysis.
May 8.	Sophronia J. Ford.	71	10		Heart Disease.
May 21.	Thomas S. Clark.	69	4	30	Apoplexy.
May 27.	Daniel D. Hamant.	71	8	18	Paralysis.
June 9.	Patrick Martin.	55	2	30	Angina Pectoris.
July 11.	Laura M. Maker.		9		Meningitis.
July 26.	Emily Childs.	87			Senile Phthisis.
Aug. 13.	Martha A. Ricker.	52	8	9	Acute Diarrhœa.
Aug. 14.	Vincent H. Osborne.	61	3	14	Paralysis.
Sept. 12.	Emeline B. Johnson.	54	8	25	Heart Disease.
Sept. 22.	James E. Rogers.	27	7	17	Phthisis.
Oct. 16.	Christina Bartz.	56	6	6	Paralysis.
Oct. 19.	Martha Whitney.	98		20	Old Age.
Oct. 27.	Abigail W. Crane.	80	5	29	Gangrene of Leg.

Between the ages of 90 and 100 years,	. . . . .	1
Between the ages of 80 and 90 years,	. . . . .	4
Between the ages of 70 and 80 years,	. . . . .	2
Between the ages of 50 and 70 years,	. . . . .	10
Between the ages of 30 and 50 years,	. . . . .	1
Between the ages of 10 and 30 years,	. . . . .	1
Under 10 years of age,	. . . . .	1

Total, 20

Males, 7 Females, 13

A true copy.

Attest :

STILLMAN J. SPEAR,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the statutory requirement, the Committee would submit the following report :—

All our schools are doing good work ; the teachers, with a single exception, having been previously employed, some of them for a long time, and having earned the confidence of the Committee and of the public by their fidelity to the trusts committed to them. To say that our schools are doing everything that the variously exacting requirements of the public demand or expect would be saying too much. The Committee and the teachers themselves are as fully aware of past and present defects as any one, and are constantly laboring to improve in management and methods.

Much attention has been given to the course of study, with a view to embodying in the instruction those things which are found most useful in progressive schools elsewhere, without giving too much heed to vagaries which sometimes appear under the head of educational progress. It is the aim of our schools to give a thorough preparation in the fundamental branches of an English education. Some things which are useful, and which may be more effectively attended to in places where the number of children makes a closer grading possible, we are constrained to pass over somewhat lightly. But in those things which every intelligent citizen is supposed to know, and which go so far towards forming a basis for good citizenship, we feel confident that our public schools are giving sound instruction. Besides this something is done in singing and drawing ; instruction in physiology, especially in connection with the effects of stimulants and narcotics, is regularly given ; the phonic elements of English speech, thanks to the special interest of a member of the Committee, have received greater attention than formerly, with evident improvement in the pupils' articulation ; and in the higher department of the Centre School such attention is given to history, commercial and physical geography, higher mathematics, and languages, as the condition of the classes and the length of stay on the part of the pupils admit.

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Still greater attention to courses, methods, and subjects of study for both the graded and ungraded schools is now contemplated; and for this purpose the Committee has placed in the hand of each teacher a copy of Prince's admirable work on these topics,—a work that receives the highest praise of Normal principals as well as of the Secretary of the State Board.

As to School buildings: The South School-house, comparatively new, needed but few repairs aside from the ordinary. The North School-house was put in as comfortable and presentable shape as the somewhat dilapidated condition of its interior would allow. More extensive repairs will be required before very long, and it is in need of better school furniture. That now in use, having seen nearly forty years of service, is defaced and of an antiquated pattern. The children of that locality should have surroundings for their school life as convenient and attractive as do those of neighboring towns or the children of other parts of our own town.

The Centre School-house, after several years of effort on the part of the friends of the school, has received attention, and has been substantially rebuilt. Two well-lighted and desirable school-rooms have been added, which, with ample dressing-rooms, passages, and out-buildings, and with the steam-heating apparatus, make a building for educational purposes which, for convenience and attractiveness, is a credit to the town, and which will be ample for its wants for some time to come. The changes which were made necessarily consumed much time; but, with the characteristic energy of the building committee and the contractor, the work was very nearly finished during the summer vacation, so that the commencement of the fall term was delayed but two or three weeks. The house not only shows the good taste of those who had charge of its construction, but is also well and substantially built in every part. The School Committee procured furnishings in keeping with the style of the building, and we may now justly congratulate ourselves that our village is as well supplied in respect to school accommodations as any of our neighboring towns. And, though we may feel that the cost is considerable, yet most of our thrifty citizens will concede that it is often better economy to pay the higher price and have a really good thing.

Miss Clifford, after three years of efficient service on our Committee, at the beginning of last year declined further connection with it. She had, since the text-book law was enacted, taken charge of the supplies of all kinds furnished to the schools by the

town; and neither of the present Committee being so situated as to make it possible to transact this part of the business with the care that should be given to it, and at the same time with convenience to the schools, we have appointed Mr. J. B. Hale as our agent for this purpose, his long connection with the schools making him especially fitted to take charge of purchasing and distributing these supplies.

A most creditable display of pupils' handiwork, in great variety, was made at the close of the last school year in June. The crowds of parents and friends who attended, as well as on the occasion of the presentation of diplomas to graduates of the High School course, showed the interest of the people in the schools. The proceeds of the show of pupils' work, as also of a concert kindly given by Miss Mason of Boston, for the purpose, added to the fund raised by the energetic efforts of Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Marshall, were applied to the purchase of a fine organ for the use of the High School room.

While the schools in surrounding towns have been much interrupted by prevailing sickness among the children, we have gratefully to report that the health of the pupils in our schools has been good; and no death has occurred among them during the year.

A very pleasing degree of enthusiasm and public spirit has manifested itself at the North School in the setting out of shade trees upon the school grounds, the pupils with parents and friends observing "Arbor Day" in a most creditable manner. The location of the South School offers facilities for making its surroundings more than ordinarily attractive by a similar effort, and the grounds about the building at the Centre are susceptible of much improvement. Let us hope that the good example furnished at the northern end of the town will be followed at the other schools.

Number of children between five and fifteen years of age in the town May 1, 1887, — 178.

LIST OF TEACHERS.

E. EMMONS GROVER,	.	.	.	.	.	High Grammar.
Miss L. P. ROCKWOOD,	.	.	.	.	.	Assistant.
Mrs. G. E. RAND,	.	.	.	.	.	Grammar.
Miss L. D. RICHARDS,	.	.	.	.	.	Intermediate.
Mrs. M. B. A. DUNN,	.	.	.	.	.	Primary.
Miss A. M. DORR,	.	.	.	.	.	North.
Mrs. S. M. CHASE,	.	.	.	.	.	South.

STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	Percentage of Attendance.			Wages of Teachers per Month.			Whole No. of Scholars.			Average Attendance.			No. over 15 years.		
	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
High Grammar, . .	91.6	91.9	90.2	\$105.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	52	28	26	44.4	25.3	23.4	13	16	16
Centre Grammar, .	....	91.7	91.2	.....	42.00	42.00	..	36	36	....	33	32.8	..	..	..
Centre Intermediate,	94	94	92	42.00	42.00	42.00	49	39	37	43.3	35	35	..	..	..
Centre Primary, .	87	90	85	42.00	42.00	42.00	40	43	44	33.2	36.5	37.5	..	..	..
North,	88	97	90	42.00	42.00	42.00	29	31	28	23.4	23.7	25.4	..	..	..
South,	96.2	94.3	93.3	42.00	42.00	42.00	16	18	18	15.2	16.6	16.8	..	..	1
Grammar Assistant,	....	....	....	48.00	.....	.....	..	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..

ROLL OF HONOR.

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY DURING THE YEAR.

Mary A. Babcock, Mary E. Babcock, John Tracy, John Ord,
Josie Tracy, Annie Tracy, Fannie M. Babcock, Fred. Phelps.

In behalf of the Committee,

W. S. TILDEN,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MEDFIELD SCHOOL FUND.

Note given by Town of Medfield,	\$1,610.20
Note given by Town of Medfield,	875.00
Note given by Sarah A. Chickering, secured by Mortgage,	250.00
Deposit in Framingham Savings Bank,	1,000.00
Cash in Treasury,	25.00
Total,	\$3,760.20

MEDFIELD, February 1, 1888.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMLET WIGHT, J. H. BAKER, R. A. BATTELLE,	}	Trustees.
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REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

FEBRUARY 1, 1887.

Cash in hands of Committee,	\$39.47
Received for lots sold,	64.00
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	\$103.47
Paid for gravel and labor,	67.00
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Leaving a balance in hands of the Committee, Feb. 1,	
1888,	\$36.47

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SHUMWAY, }
 JOSEPH CLARK, } *Committee.*
 A. B. PARKER, }

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The past year has been as successful as usual. We have endeavored, in the buying of books, to cater to all tastes, and in the majority of cases have purchased works suggested by our patrons.

A new catalogue has been prepared, which is much more comprehensive than has ever been attempted here before. It contains a separate index of subjects, titles, and authors. The issue contains only the books added during 1886 and 1887. Over seven thousand volumes have been circulated during the year.

There is a decided improvement in the class of books read by the young people; and works upon science, art, and manufactures have been purchased for their benefit. The school-teachers encourage this kind of reading, and the Trustees are glad to meet the demand.

Of late we have adopted the plan of adding about ten volumes per month, and have found it more satisfactory than making a considerable addition at once.

Our financial account will be found elsewhere.

Submitted for the Trustees,

J. HERBERT BAKER,

Secretary.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN-MEETING.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, SS.

To GEORGE A. MORSE, one of the constables of the town of Medfield, in the county of Norfolk, *Greeting*:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Medfield, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Medfield, on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at twelve o'clock noon, then and there to act upon the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To act upon the report of the several town officers for the past year.

ART. 4. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow any necessary sums of money in anticipation of the taxes.

ART. 5. To raise and make appropriation of such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To determine in what manner the taxes shall be collected for the ensuing year. And also to determine what percentage shall be allowed the Collector for his services, and to see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all such means in collection of the taxes as the Treasurer might, if chosen to the same office.

ART. 7. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors, as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 8. To see if the town will grant and appropriate any sum of money for the decoration of the soldiers' graves on Memorial day.

ART. 9. To see if the town will or will not grant license for the sale of intoxicating liquors in town for the ensuing year.

ART. 10. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the support of the Public Library for the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To see if the town will determine the compensation of the members of the Fire Department for the ensuing year.

ART. 12. To hear and act upon the report of the committee chosen at the last meeting in regard to the Hose Tower.

ART. 13. To hear and act upon the report of the committee chosen at the last meeting in regard to the Lock-up.

ART. 14. To see if the town will instruct its Treasurer not to pay any bill without an order from the Selectmen.

ART. 15. To hear and act upon the report of the Cemetery Committee on the enlargement of the cemetery.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up an attested copy thereof in the usual place for posting warrants in said Medfield, ten days, at least, before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, unto the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February, A.D. eighteen hundred and eighty-eight.

GEO. W. KINGSBURY, } *Selectmen*
 GEO. W. BRUCE, } *of*
 E. V. MITCHELL, } *Medfield.*

